

Community-oriented policing is central to the Flemingsburg Police Department's agency outlook. In addition to being a visible presence at the annual festival, the agency hopes to serve hot dogs and refreshments to attendees this year, which builds off other types of community-building efforts already in place. For the past six years, throughout the summer, officers have distributed soda pop and water to the children and teenagers at the city and county parks.

"It comes in handy to talk with these young people and interact with them,"

Flemingsburg Chief Randy Sargent said. "If something happens, the kids trust us and will tell us."

Flemingsburg also has healthy involvement in their neighborhood-watch programs. Every three months, officers will meet with the neighborhood captains to discuss problems facing the communities and offer any assistance they can.

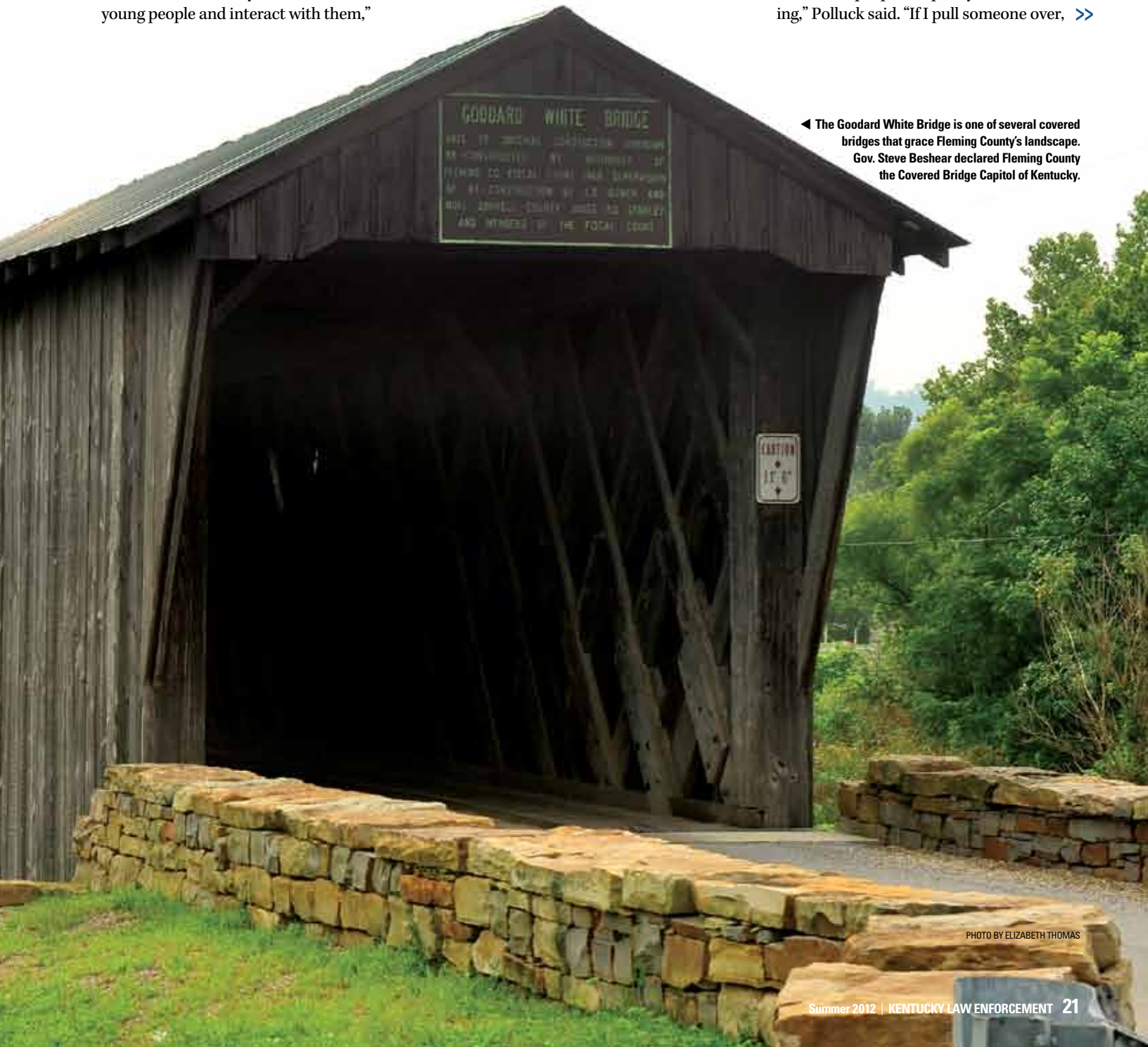
"Whether it is police related or not, we try to give them direction on who to talk to

with the city," Sargent said. "I like neighborhood meetings where a lot of people show up because it shows that they care."

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Flemingsburg's seven officers have a stake in the community they serve — it's where they not only live, but were raised as well, Sargent said. Officer Daniel Polluck, who has served the agency for more than a year, thinks growing up in Flemingsburg sometimes makes the job easier, he said.

"I think people are pretty understanding," Polluck said. "If I pull someone over, >>



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